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SUBJECT: TURKISH LIRA DEVALUATION

1. TURKISH CENTRAL BANK ANNOUNCED MORNING MARCH 1 DEVALUATION OF LIRA AGAINST US DOLLAR AND OTHER MAJOR CURRENCIES. CASH BUYING RATES, IN LIRA, HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED AS FOLLOWS:

GERMAN MARK FROM 6.85 TO 7.30

FRENCH FRANC 3.33 3.50

POUND STERLING 26.40 30

ITALIAN LIRA 190 198

AUSTRIAN SCHILLING 96.50 103

BELGIAN FRANC 44.50 48

NORWEGIAN CROWN 3.12 TO 3.32

DANISH CROWN 2.80 2.98

CANADIAN DOLLAR 16.95 16.70

AUSTRAILAN DOLLAR 16.75 17.75

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- 2. TURKISH LIRA WAS REVALUED SLIGHTLY WITH RESPECT TO CANADIAN DOLLAR. NEW RATE IS NOW 16.70 LIRA COMPARED TO PREVIOUS RATE OF 16.95.
- 3. RATE FOR SWISS FRANC REMAINS UNCHANGED AT 6.80.

4. LAST PREVIOUS NET DEVALUATION OCCURRED OCTOBER 27. RANKING OFFICIAL IN CENTRAL BANK COMMENTED TO E/C COUNSELOR THAT ADJUSTMENT WAS OVERDUE.WHILE EXCHANGE RATE ADJUSTMENTS ARE NORMALLY MADE EVERY 2-3 MONTHS, APPROVAL OF THIS ONE WAS HELD UP BY POLITICAL FRICTIONS WITHIN COALITION GOVERNMENT HE SAID. GOT, OF COURSE, HOPES THAT NET DEVALUATION WILL INCREASE EXPORT EARNINGS. MACOMBER

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